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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Plans are almost completed for the annual ten-day Institutes of International Relations, one to be held at Mills College from June 27 to July 7, and the other to be held at Whittier College from July 7 to 17. Open to all men and women interested in world questions, these Institutes in recent years have attracted mainly teachers, students, ministers and housewives.

Current and post-war problems in Europe, the Far East, and South America will be discussed in lectures, round-tables, and informal discussions by experts from many countries. The Institutes this year will emphasize how events during the war may, to a considerable extent, shape the post-war world. Special topics will be: The Role of Russia in the United Nations, Can Germany Be Re-Educated?, Can Europe Function As An Economic Unit? Will Racial Tensions Be Reduced in Time?, Is Western Imperialism Ended in the Far East?, Can the United Nations Be Made a Political Reality?

To analyze and give background for answering these difficult but all-important questions the following leaders will be at both Institutes:

Bertram Pickard—English correspondent who lived in Geneva, Switzerland, from 1920 to 1940, where he directed the Friends International Center. He will come directly from Washington, D. C., where for the last year and a half he has been in close contact with individuals and groups engaged in post-war planning.

Peter Drucker—Austrian economist, who is well known for his books and Harper's articles.

Arthur Morgan—formerly President of Antioch College and Chairman of TVA. His latest book is "The Small Community."

A. J. Muste—Executive Secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and author of "Non-Violence in An Aggressive World."

Howard Thurman—Dean of the Chapel at Howard University. Institute attenders last year particularly appreciated his reading of poetry, the favorite one being "The First Robin," by Heywood Broun.

Haridas Muzumdar—Hindu scholar, biographer of Gandhi, and author of "The United Nations of the World."

In addition to these, Whittier Institute will have Hugh MacBeth of Liberia, Father Ligutti of the Catholic Rural Life Conference, and Y. C. Chen of the National University of Peking. Mills Institute has secured a number of additional speakers also: Martin Hall, a free-lance journalist in Europe since 1924, who covered the German underground movement from 1933 to 1936 for the Manchester Guardian; Frank Munk, formerly chairman of the Czechoslovakia League of Nations Foundation and member of the Czechoslovakia Commission for Economic Planning and Economic Advisory Council; Harold Fisher of Stanford University and specialist on Russia; George Hedley, specialist on labor problems; Andre Maurois of l'Academie Francaise, Captain in the French Army during the present war, and author of "I Remember, I Remember"; Irwin Abrams of Stanford University and specialist on post-war problems of relief and physical reconstruction; German Arcinegas, former Minister of Education in Columbia and at present Visiting Professor under the Hispanic Institute of the United States.

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RENO FEDERATED CHURCH

The Pacific is happy to present to its readers this picture of the beautiful new chancel which was recently installed in the Reno Federated Church. A small fire in the summer of 1941 that burned the communion table, the American flag, and charred the pulpit, provided the opportunity for the pastor and people of The Federated Church to transform their sanctuary into a chancel type of church.

The work was done by The American Seating Compaany of Grand Rapids, Mich. Alois Lang, cousin of Anton Lang, and his Bavarian wood carvers did the delicate hand-carving of the organ screen, pulpit lectern, and reredos. Almost all the items of furniture were given as individual memorials, so that it was most fitting that it could all be dedicated, free of debt, on Memorial Day in 1942.

Contracts have recently been let for nine memorial windows. It is hoped that these will be in by the fall opening. Vines are being trained all over the outside of the building and when these are fully grown the exterior as well as the interior will be pleasing and worshipful. All these improvements will doubtless make this old church one of the most beautiful in our Conference. Rev. William Moll Case, the pastor, who will complete 18 years in the Reno pulpit in October of this year, received seventeen new members into fellowship on Easter Sunday.

LAYMEN'S RETREAT

The East Bay laymen's retreat was held on the afternoon and evening of Palm Sunday. About thirty men were in attendance in the beautiful garden and home of Mr. Harold T. Avery of Plymouth Church, Oakland. Mr. C. T. Tinker presided at the afternoon session and Mr. Peirce Coombes during the evening. Both kept the discussion at a high level. Professor John C. Bennett presented the problems of the church and the war situation and also for the days following the war.

It was an occasion of fine fellowship and high thinking, and it was felt that it ought to be the forerunner of other similar gatherings.

LEWIS PRESNALL

Mr. Lewis Presnall, formerly pastor at Salida and student at Pacific School of Religion, after supplying a church in Columbus, Ohio, for a number of months has been called and is serving as pastor. He writes of his great delight in again serving a church and hopes in the not distant future to complete his education.

SAN JOAQUIN MEET

The San Joaquin Valley Association met at Porterville on Friday, April 30. In spite of the fact that Porterville is the most distant point, gas rationing seemed to make little difference in attendance. Five churches were represented. There were reports from the Japanese Church, and the Fowler Church is at present without pastor. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, chairman of the Conference Committee for Social Action, presented the plans of the Committee for a study of the post-war world and the securing of adequate resources for War Victims and Services. Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, minister of the Missions Council, gave a convincing address on "The Cause for Missions Now." Mrs. Scott Haymond and Superintendent Harley H. Gill were present and participated in the program. Officers elected for the coming year were: moderator, Rev. H. A. Chakmajian; registrar, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith. The next meeting of the Association will be held at Fresno, First Church, unless the Parlier Church has been able to make certain improvements on the property, in which case it will go to Parlier.

GERMAN CONFERENCE

The California German Congregational Conference was held at the Ebenezer Church of Lodi, April 30 to May 2. There were delegates present from all of the German churches, and the meetings were largely attended by Lodi people.

The Conference had the pleasure of a visit from the dean of the German School of Theology of Yankton College, Rev. Edward Sayler, and Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, secretary of the Missions Council. At the Sunday evening session the Lodi English-speaking churches joined with the German Conference in a great union young people's gathering, which Dr. Stauffacher addressed.

Officers elected for the coming year are Rev. F. W. Gross, moderator; Rev. J. J. Ballensky, vice-moderator; Rev. Benjamin H. Kissler, registrar, and Rev. Richard Uhlmann, treasurer. The Conference agreed to the plan recommended by Superintendent Gill whereby the alternating of layman and minister delegates to the General Council can be worked out, and approved for the first time the payment of per capita taxes to the General Council.

N.C.C.C. DIRECTORS

The April meeting of the Conference Board of Directors, although held in the busy pre-Easter season, was well attended and significant in many ways. Superintendent Gill gave a review of our situation and of the work done by the Conference office, which, in response to a vote of the Board, will appear in condensed form in the June issue of The Pacific. Enough of a surplus was carried forward from the past fiscal year so that the Board could see its way clear definitely to plan for expanded work in three of the areas which we occupy and to launch one or two entirely new enterprises as soon as leadership can be found. Pensions to the members of our ministerial relief family were restored for the most part to the levels which had obtained prior to the reduction which took place during the depression. The committee on securing a field secretary is actively at work, and the task to be assigned to that worker will be the opening of new fields and the launching of new enterprises.

STUDENT WORK

As The Pacific goes to press there is being held at Pacific School of Religion a conference, under the Student Life Division of the Department of Christian Education, for workers among students and pastors who are near college campuses. Rev. Ralph W. Hyslop, the secretary for that Department under the Board of Home Missions, has set up the program and is leading in it. The Pacific only regrets that the limitation of Dr. Hyslop's schedule makes it impossible for him to visit Associations and Churches.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 11—Bay Association, Park Presidio Community Church, San Francisco.
May 12—Santa Clara Association, Santa Cruz.
May 13—Spring Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, First Church, Berkeley.
May 14—Redwood Empire Association, Kenwood.
July 28-August 2—M. E. M. Conference, San Anselmo.
October 19-21—State Conference, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

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WE AGAIN GAIN

They speak for themselves, these figures below, showing the benevolence money that came in during April, and also for the first four months of the year compared with the like period of a year ago. There is clear evidence that our churches and members intend to use a portion of the increased prosperity which is coming, for our missionary work and church extension, and all the enterprises of the national Boards and Conference.

CHURCH	April 1943	Jan.1 to Apr.30,'43	Jan.1 to Apr.30,'42
Adin	$	$ 3.40	$ 8.06
Alameda	.....	201.07	5.00
Angels Camp	.....	37.50	40.00
Alturas	17.67	24.06	11.72
Antioch	.....	12.44	15.66
Auburn	10.00	40.00	53.07
Benicia	26.06	26.06	30.00
Berkeley, First	379.89	1,651.92	1,508.70
Kensington	.....	20.00	.....
North	46.90	151.40	141.30
Park	.....	22.01	17.93
Campbell	70.00	70.00	65.00
Cedarville	.....	25.00	25.00
Cloverdale	5.00	39.47	22.79
Cotati	26.25	34.45	44.35
Crockett	4.95	31.03	36.15
Etna	.....	.....	5.32
Eureka	115.13	178.40	116.39
Fairfax	30.75	30.75	15.00
Ferndale	7.42	94.77	94.70
Fresno, First	100.00	715.33	181.83
Pilgrim	.....	100.00	68.08
Glen Ellen	.....	10.00	.....
Hayward	100.00	100.00	.....
Kenwood	.....	12.30	6.10
Likely	6.69	6.69	.....
Lodi, Ebenezer	.....	18.27	.....
First	300.00	628.25	310.00
Loleta	8.88	8.88	.....
Loomis	.....	23.05	10.71
Martinez	.....	99.23	130.22
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Oakland, First	440.00	1,810.00	1,775.00
Fruitvale	.....	15.00	15.00
Pilgrim	6.00	12.00	18.17
Plymouth	18.04	280.67	230.31
Oroville	15.81	52.96	.....
Pacific Grove	.....	18.80	52.03
Palo Alto	.....	250.00	250.00
Paradise	47.70	157.70	75.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	.....	22.25	15.75
Pescadero	.....	.....	2.50
Petaluma	15.80	215.83	128.55
Pittsburg	.....	53.65	31.03
Port Chicago	.....	.....	1.37
Porterville	.....	90.00	80.00
Redwood City	.....	253.94	222.95
Rio Vista	.....	14.00	.....
Ripon	17.53	63.69	63.02
Sacramento	81.05	239.81	230.03
Salida	.....	25.00	30.00
San Carlos	15.33	50.79	25.28
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission Pk.	43.92	43.92	68.88
First	324.35	515.39	536.12
Ocean View	24.47	49.47	25.00
Richmond	37.50	75.00	.....
San Jose	75.00	290.00	255.00
San Leandro	37.59	37.59	25.10
San Mateo	71.45	323.70	251.70
Santa Cruz	.....	150.00	146.00
Santa Rosa	.....	38.00	70.00
Saratoga	.....	156.29	206.77
Sebastopol	42.41	42.41	52.27
Sonoma	42.30	74.60	47.71
Soquel	.....	25.00	25.00
Stockton	80.12	170.68	127.61
Suisun	.....	25.00	25.00
Tulare	.....	179.23	136.50
Weaverville	.....	20.00	75.00
Woodside	.....	26.00	30.00
Reno, Nevada	.....	103.82	100.22
Miscellaneous	252.75	795.33	1,204.00
	$2,945.61	$11,274.25	$9,707.95

MARTINEZ. This church has called as its pastor Rev. Thomas T. Giffen of Petaluma. Rev. Huber Burr has been supplying the pulpit.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP SUMMER CONFERENCES

Theme: "The Priority and Power of the Christian Way"

Conference	Age Group	Dates	Cost	Send Registrations to—
Lakewood	High School	June 12-19	$ 9.50	Geo. I Linn, R. 9, Box 1328, Sacramento
Sequoia	High School	June 13-19	9.00	Rev. A. L. Rice, 220 W. Tulare St., Tulare
Loma Mar	High school	June 26-July 3	13.60	Miss Mae Baudin, 26th and Harrison Sts., Oakland
Zephyr-at-Berkeley	Advanced	July 2-5	7.00	David Stowe, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley
Lokoya	High School and Intermediate	Aug. 8-14	9.00	Rev. W. W. Meyer, Fairfax

NOTE: Pastors and young people will do well to begin immediately selecting, financing and arranging transportation for delegates to the various conferences. No conference summer was ever more important than 1943. Every church ought to stress young people's summer conferences this year!

ZEPHYR-AT-BERKELEY

With Miss Ruth Isabel Seabury and Henry David Gray as faculty leaders, and Joanna Wilder as national representative of the Pilgrim Fellowship, the advanced young people's conference will convene at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley over the week-end of July2-5. As director, the Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet and Young People's Work Committee have succeeded in obtaining Art Casaday of the Community Church in Mill Valley. In every way, the attempt will be made to carry forward the great tradition established during five glorious years at Zephyr Point on Lake Tahoe, and before that at Asilomar.

At a total cost of $7.00, inclusive of registration, representatives of state, area and local church groups will be housed and fed during the conference. A full program of classes, convocation addresses, chapel services, and recreation will be crowded into the long week-end, which will begin at dinner on Friday evening and continue through the lunch hour on Monday.

Limited to eighty delegates by the facilities of the School, the conference will seek to serve chosen representatives of the churches. Each church is granted a quota of two delegates, who should be chosen from the active leaders of the young people's Fellowships or Societies. Churches who do not accept their quotas may turn over their assignments to the more ambitious groups, of whom there are several, who desire representation above their quotas.

Other faculty leaders are: Rev. Fred Morrow, Dean of Men; Mrs. Scott Haymond, Dean of Women; David Stowe, Registrar; and others to be announced.

LOMA MAR

Opening Saturday evening, June 26, and coming to a reluctant close Saturday noon, the 3rd of July, the Loma Mar young people's conference will enjoy the dynamic leadership of Ruth Isabel Seabury of Boston in daily convocation talks, will sing under the leadership of Pilgrim Fellowship President, Virginia Piper, worship in the living redwood chapel with Rev. Donald Gaylord, and play under the lively direction of Mrs. Scott Haymond. Rev. Ralph Conard of Alameda is the director of the conference, and he will be assisted in class and administration by Miss Mae Baudin as registrar and by pastors of Bay region churches, among them Rev. Sidney Buckham and Rev. Stephen C. Peabody.

Total cost of the Loma Mar Conference will be $15 for all East Bay and San Francisco delegates, the price including bus transportation to and from the conference. Those who furnish their own transportation will pay $13.60.

BAKERSFIELD VISIT

Superintendent Harley H. Gill was the speaker at Bakersfield on Good Friday at the union service of all Christian churches.

LOKOYA PLUS

The eldest of the northern California high school young people's conferences is the one held jointly by Upper Bay and Redwood Empire churches at Lokoya, near Napa. Pioneers in the area conference idea, Lokoya leaders are planning this year to hold separate activities for the Junior High age, and to encourage the attendance of the Intermediate groups under the special leadership of Miss Alice English, of San Francisco Grace United Church. An especially close cooperation among ministers and youth leaders in this area has been built up, with practically every church cooperating to furnish pastoral leadership and delegates. Rev. Wim Meyer of Fairfax has gathered up the reins as director for the 1943 gathering, which opens with supper on August 8 and ends Saturday morning, August 14.

Young people who attend the Lokoya conference will pay $9.00, with the possibility of a refund being given at the end of the week.

Paul Dickey of Portland, Oregon, will be brought to California for this conference, representing the national Boards. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday will serve as chaplain, James Senter of Sebastopol as music leader, and Sherwood Wirt as Dean of Boys. Bible study and discussion groups will be a feature of each day's program, with local pastors and visiting leaders in charge. Joanna Wilder is to attend representing the Pilgrim Fellowship. Other members of the faculty already procured are Rev. A. W. Monosmith, Rev. Robert Whitaker, Rev. Gordon Foster, and Rev. E. W. Perry.

LAKEWOOD

The complete program for the Lakewood high school conference, serving the Central area churches. was announced May 2 by George I. Linn of Sacramento, Director of the conference. As chaplain, the Central young people will once more enjoy Rev. Edward P. Shier of Loomis. Miss Ruth Seabury is to be the Board's representative. Ministers of the district will cooperate almost 100 per cent in the teaching and leadership functions, with Rev. P. N. Bennett, Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, Rev. John G. Dickey, Rev. A. R. Boone, and Rev. Frank E. Carlson serving on the faculty. As music leader, Lakewood will have Miss Morleybelle Norcross. The Pilgrim Fellowship headquarters will, it is hoped, be able to send Joanna Wilder as a leader and faculty member. Mrs. Grace Buckham will lead a teacher training group.

District rallies with uniform programs in each local church were held May 9 under the planning leadership of Mr. Linn. Facilities at Lakewood require limitation of the conference to 60, each delegate sharing in the cost to the extent of $9.50, exclusive of transportation. Such fine spirit and tradition has been developed at Lakewood that a capacity attendance is expected. The Lakewood dates are June 12-19 inclusive.

RUTH SEABURY

Miss Ruth Isabel Seabury, one of the most interesting and dynamic speakers representing the Congregational Christian Fellowship, is Educational Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. She has several times been abroad, often visiting interior villages as well as cities more conveniently located, and thus has more than a tourist's understanding of the people of other lands. She was one of the Congregational delegates to the International Missionary Conference in India in 1938. She has written several books and innumerable pamphlets, and has been a member of the National Preaching Mission. She will thrill and inspire the young people at the summer conferences which she will visit on this trip.

OUR JOANNA HONORED

Many young people remember the visit last summer of Roger Manners, national President of the Pilgrim Fellowship. This year the national officers have bestowed the honor of summer conference representative in the west upon our own former president, Joanna Wilder of Salida. Northern California conferences are bidding for her presence, though Miss Wilder will also go to other western areas in her new capacity. Congratulations to Joanna for this well-deserved appointment!

SEQUOIA

The fifth annual summer conference for high school and college age young people of the San Joaquin Valley churches will begin Sunday afternoon, June 13, at Camp Redwood on Lake Sequoia, under the direction of Rev. Arthur L. Rice of Tulare, and will continue until Saturday morning, the 19th. Dr. Pierson Parker of Berkeley, whose Bible study classes have proved so popular in the past two years, will be chaplain this year. Miss Joanna Wilder will represent the national Pilgrim Fellowship, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian of Fresno will assist for the first three days, and Dr. Willis L. Goldsmith and Rev. John H. Gregg will serve as leaders and counsellors. Total cost of the conference, including registration, will be $9.00 per person.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOSED?

By no means! Rather, come on in.

That is what the church should say to children this summer. School vacations will be long. Of course you won't be able to get ALL of the children, but you can get SOME of the children MORE OF THE TIME. Not only do we need to save children from delinquency, but we can do far more than that. The Church will not be true to the Master unless it leads some children at least a few steps nearer to Him this summer.

Adapt your program; instead of fearing changes, experiment!

Why not try a Daily Vacation Church School—two weeks or more duration? Some such schools have been carried on under exceedingly difficult conditions, but we have yet to hear anyone say "I am sorry we conducted a vacation school." Do you realize that even in a V. C. S. of only three weeks, if there are three hours each day a regular attendant has 54 hours of fellowship—more than in a year of 52 one-hour Sunday School sessions?

Why not a Boys' or Girls' Club? They offer opportunity of great appeal to children, and can be patterned after the needs of the group and according to its size and available leadership. Enthusiasm of groups and leaders may be so high that some permanent organizations may result, —perhaps a week-day church school or junior choir program. Occasional picnics, hikes, one-day camps, neighbors' nights, etc., are all summer-time possibilities.

Why not experiment?

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

LODI, FIRST. This church, with its pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, is an active participant in cooperative interdenominational enterprises: teacher training school, dramatic presentation of the play "Forgiveness," Maundy Thursday communion, Good Friday service and the sunrise Easter service were all interdenominational projects. In the case of the play, a Catholic priest and one of his laymen also assisted in the production. Seven children received baptism on Easter Sunday afternoon. The Easter class of new members was received at the May communion. All told there were 23, seventeen of them on confession of faith. Mr. Boone arranged an exceedingly impressive service of reception, presenting to each new member a devotional book and a watchword. At the close of the communion service, which was presided over by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, old and new members shared in a pot-luck dinner with a program of good fellowship.

PALO ALTO. The Pilgrim Fellowship of this church has long been known as The Round Table. With an almost new personnel this year, its numbers have risen to twenty-three. Professor Dan Stone of the Jordan Junior High School is counsellor. Seven local ministers cooperated in conducting two parallel three-hour services on Good Friday, one at the Congregational Church and the other at the Episcopal Church. Group VI of the Women's Association presented a beautiful picture of Hoffman's "Head of Christ" to the church as a memorial to a beloved deaconess, Miss Amy Jackson, whose life was recently taken in a railway accident. Rev. Augustine Jones is pastor.

LOLETA. This community, which is being served by the Rev. R. B. Whitaker, in connection with his work at Ferndale, is showing a fine response to his leadership. There were fifty people in attendance at the Easter afternoon Sunday School program, and thirty-five at the preaching service, which is held in the evening. On Mother's Day they plan to organize the "Loleta Community Christian Fellowship," a pre-church group. Actual membership in a Congregational Church organization is to be held by the Ferndale Church.

PITTSBURG. Church attendance during Lent was the best in years. On Palm Sunday ten children were baptized, and Thursday evening of Holy Week was the occasion of reception of new members and a communion service. Besides the two pastors, a U.S.O. secretary and a chaplain participated in the hour-and-a-half union Methodist and Congregational Good Friday service. Rev. E. W. Benedict, pastor, also had a part in the Good Friday service at Antioch. There were two services on Easter Sunday morning, with capacity crowds at both.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Twenty-one new members were received on Palm Sunday, and ten children baptized on Easter. An Easter Vesper Service was planned and conducted by the young people. Attendance at the Easter morning service was 927, and the offering amounted to $1000. With the serious shortage of doctors in this war-time, the Well Baby Clinic is filling a real need; seventeen babies were brought in on a recent Tuesday. Rev. Robert Inglis is the pastor.

GLEN ELLEN. Rev. C. C. Champlin, who is serving this church, reports that seven persons came into church membership on Easter Sunday, two adults baptized. Congregations are gradually increasing. After the Palm Sunday morning service, a fellowship dinner was enjoyed in Mayflower hall.

FRESNO, FIRST. Thirty-two new members were received at the Maundy Thursday candlelight communion service making a total of 125 members received during the past eighteen months. Two identical Easter services were held, one at 9:30 and the other at 11 with a total attendance of over 600, the largest in the history of the church. Eight children were christened and six adults received the sacrament of Christian baptism. An Easter offering of $581.83 was received, of which amount $455.48 will go toward a reduction of the parsonage indebtedness. Rev. John H. Gregg, pastor, preached the sermon at the Maundy Thursday morning communion service of the Episcopal Cathedral, and assisted in the Union Good Friday service of the Council of Churches. The Sunday evening Forum closed the most successful season in its 21 year history with overflow audiences at many of the programs and a substantial balance on hand to help underwrite the new series commencing next October.

OAKLAND, FIRST. A Rhythm Review was presented Friday evening, April 16, under the auspices of the Young People's Forum, with service men as guests, and the proceeds will go to maintain the Open House on Sunday afternoons. The Walsh Memorial clubroom has been renovated and redecorated and some equipment added, also for the enjoyment of service men. Thirty-five new members were received Easter Sunday at the special afternoon communion service, thirteen by confession. Twenty-three babies were baptized. Following the service there was a reception for all members who had joined since the previous Easter. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

FAIRFAX. A series of interesting events continues to high-light the Twentieth Anniversary celebration of this church. At the mid-month potluck supper, Superintendent Harley H. Gill was the speaker. The Thursday following Easter was the occasion of the Anniversary Banquet, and the fund which is being raised as a result of the anniversary enthusiasm has already passed the $800 mark. The pastor, Rev. William W. Meyer, makes monthly visits to San Quentin Prison as Congregational Chaplain.

ALAMEDA. A palm processional by the children of the Sunday School, followed by a baptismal service, ushered in Holy Week. Candlelight Communion with special Easter music by the choir, and reception of members marked Maundy Thursday. There is to be a special dedication on Mother's Day of a Memorial in honor of "Mother" Whitman, beloved long-time member of this church whose birthday would have fallen on Mother's Day this year. Rev. Ralph V. Conard is the pastor.

PORTERVILLE. Two identical services on Easter morning filled the church twice. Nine new members were received, making 18 since January first, and five babies were baptized. The special Easter offering was considerably more than had been expected, and $182 was collected and forwarded to the Committee for War Victims and Services. The church was host to the San Joaquin Association on April 30. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is the pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Upon learning of the call which had been extended by the Antioch church to the Rev. J. H. McCartney, the cabinet made it known in no uncertain terms that they would not consent to the resignation of their pastor. Consequently the resignation was withdrawn and the call to Antioch declined.

SAN CARLOS. This Easter was by far the most outstanding event in the history of the church. Beginning with Palm Sunday, when 16 young people of high school age entered the church, through the Maundy Thursday communion service, when 36 adults were received into fellowship, on through the Good Friday service, the spirit of Easter mounted steadily. At the four Easter Day services, over and above the young people's service at sunrise, there was a total attendance of more than a thousand people. Thirteen children were baptized. The Sunday School attendance reached an all-time level of 364. The mounting attendance at the Sunday School has made it necessary to stagger its sessions. The pre-school age now meets at the worship hour. Thus in less than a year after the dedication of the new structure it is already outgrown, not merely at Easter time but at the regular sessions. Rev. H. J. Loken is the pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Two identical Easter morning services were provided for the great throng of worshippers, and Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, also preached at the Mt. Davidson sunrise service in San Francisco that morning. Thirteen people were baptized on Palm Sunday, and at the Maundy Thursday candlelight communion 105 new members were received into fellowship, as well as three associate members. A "Church Family Night" is being planned for Christian Family Week. During May, Dr. John C. Bennett of Pacific School of Religion will give a series of three addresses on "Christianity in Time of Crisis" to the College of Life.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The monthly reports of the pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, indicate that the various services during Easter Week met a fine response in each community. The Angels Camp choir assisted the pastor in his service at White Pines on April 29. For the fifth consecutive year, a Good Friday Service was held in the local theatre, with Rev. Noel J. Breed as preacher. The Murphys Church had the largest Easter attendance since Mr. Dickey's coming to the county. The annual Good Friday fellowship dinner at Murphys was followed by a beautiful communion service.

TRINITY COUNTY. Easter services were held at three points, Hayfork and Lewiston in addition to the Weaverville Church. On Palm Sunday the pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, received new members into fellowship and baptized four children. On that day the new Service Flag and Honor Roll were dedicated in the Weaverville Church, 27 names being inscribed on the roll. The Hayfork service, held in the afternoon, brought out some newcomers to the community. The church had been beautifully decorated by the ladies.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. At the church school hour on Palm Sunday, the new Youth Chapel was formally dedicated. Palm Sunday was also the occasion of reception of members, and seven young people were baptized. This church is particularly proud of its youth choirs, many of the children having visited other churches or church groups to sing for them. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is the pastor.

ALTURAS. Two similar services were held Easter morning, the only difference being that the Youth Choir provided music for one, and the Junior Choir for the other. During Easter week the ladies of the church set aside a day for spring cleaning of the church plant. Trustees have awarded a contract for the renovation of the auditorium. Rev. Theodore E. Schulz is pastor.

RIO VISTA. The church was fortunate in receiving two gifts, one of $300 as a memorial for Alexander Cook, the other of $500 from Mrs. Sam Nielsen as a beginning of a fund to repair the church after the war. At a beautiful, impressive candlelight communion service on Maundy Thursday, 16 new members were received into fellowship. Fifty new hymn books have been purchased and paid for by individual members and friends, a donor's name inscribed in each book. The pastor, Rev. E. T. Sherman, reviewed "The Robe," by Lloyd Douglas, before the Rio Vista Improvement Club and later to the Pilgrim Fellowship. Recently, Chaplain Victor H. Morgan, former pastor, gave an interesting address to the Pilgrim Fellowship group, describing his work and the Pre-Flight School at St. Mary's College, where he is chaplain.

REDWOOD CITY. The Easter morning attendance filled every section of the auditorium and adjourning social halls to capacity. Sixteen babies were baptized during the service. At the Thursday candlelight communion, which has become an outstanding community event, thirteen persons were received into church membership. The combined Methodist and Congregational choirs rendered "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Dubois, on Palm Sunday evening. Recently the Plymouth Guild gave a successful party and potluck supper for husbands and escorts, the attendance proving that such social affairs are needed as relaxation from war strain. Rev. Charles E. Ward, the pastor, was chairman for the interchurch Good Friday service and for the Easter sunrise service at the Redwood City cross.

EUREKA. This church, under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. C. H. Hudson, is maintaining a full-time program in spite of dim-outs, etc., and he reports that interest in Mid-week and Sunday evening services is good. The Easter cantata presented on the evening of the 25th was well attended. An occasional letter from a mother, expressing appreciation for some friendliness or service to her son in the Armed Forces, indicates that the boys have written home and told of the church's interest. Several "look-outs" and "patrols" along the shore report that they listen regularly to the radio service.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. At a fellowship dinner on Maundy Thursday, interest was centered on the symbolism of the Hebrew Passover. Following this, there was a candle-lit service of communion. At the Easter morning worship hour, six young members of the Pilgrim Fellowship united with the church. The pastor, Mr. Eugene Sill, exchanged pulpits on May 2 with Mr. Herbert Dimock of Arlington House in Berkeley.

PETALUMA. This church was startled on Easter Sunday by the resignation of its pastor, Rev. Thomas T. Giffen, who has accepted the pastorate at Martinez. He hopes to take up his new work by June first.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, pastor, was the happy recipient of the gift of a new 1942 Chevrolet sedan from his church. This church has 130 in the services of the nation.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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Remember the Spring Meeting—May 13—First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

APRIL REPORTS

The Federation of Congregational Women met in the First Church, Oakland, at 10:30 Thursday, April 15. The first speaker was Mrs. Ernest Evans, Foreign Field Secretary. She gave a summary of the most important points in the report of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, of which the outstanding one was the tendency toward consolidation with the work of other denominations in the foreign fields, and a centralization of promotional work. She announced the death in Southern California of Mrs. John Howland, long a missionary in Guadalajara, Mexico, and read a letter from Edith Parsons, still at Izmir, reporting the school there in good condition. Word from Eunice Thomas from Fukien Christian University speaks of the great need for medical supplies, especially for quinine. Miss Thomas referred to the high courage of the people, quoting one refugee as saying, "Being a refugee is just losing your home, it is not losing your hope."

There were good reports from many of the societies, through the Association presidents. Mrs. J. H. McCartney (Bay) is making a planned effort to get definite reports each month on a different phase of work. This month she reported on the special devotional work carried on by each society. Mrs. A. C. Hacke (Central) brought us the first response to the scholarship offer made last month: she has five signed up to write essays on "Why I should like to go to a Conference." Mrs. E. T. Sherman told us that all her Upper Bay societies were actively at work, and that Mrs. Elmer Benedict, now a "Gray Lady," takes a group of Pilgrim Fellowship young people each Sunday evening to sing and speak at Camp Stoneman.

Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading List Secretary, said that reports on the 1943-4 reading list may be turned in to her any time from January, 1944 to April, 1944, at which latter time she must make her own report. She spoke of the very thorough way in which Berkeley First is handling the contest, and of the fine records made by Lodi, Saratoga, and Paradise. She passed out the new "Adventures in Reading," and said that further copies will be mailed to commissioners. She emphasized certain books in particular: "On Being a Real Person" (Harry Emerson Fosdick); "Our Children Face War" (Anna W. M. Wolf); "You, Your Children, and War" (Dorothy Baruch); "Destination Chungking" (Hans Suyin); "The Lifted Lamp" (Grace Crowell); "The Human Comedy" (William Saroyan); "Happy Land" (MacKinley Kantor); "Thomas Jefferson, World Citizen" (E. D. Thomas); "Life of George W. Carver" (Rackham Holt); "Christianity and the World Crisis" (William Temple); "Let the People Know" (Norman Angell). Of the last named, Mrs. Greisinger says, "Norman Angell knows both England and America and he here gives the practical information which plain people ask." Most of these books are on the reading list, but those that are not may also count for the required reading.

Miss Mary Coxhead, Social Action Secretary, announced the coming Institute of International Relations to be held at Mills College, June 27 to July 7. The rates are ten dollars for ten days and there is an excellent program planned. Miss Coxhead has available moving pictures of the Relocation Camps at Topaz, Utah, and Tule Lake, California.

Mrs. W. H. Davis said anyone needing Thank Offering boxes should write her. She also read a letter from Miss Alice English, in charge of the Children's Project in Grace United Church, in which we have a stake with our Thank Offering. Miss English suggested that the Children's Choir might be used for programs in some of our churches. They have a program of six numbers of good music. They are available for any service except Sunday morning. Write Miss English in care of the Grace United Church, San Francisco.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Holland Burr, First Vice-President, introduced Mrs. Ralph Fisher, President of the Oakland Council of Social Agencies, who, out of a wide experience, gave us clearly and tersely material for thought and action enough for all. She spoke, as was inevitable, on the housing situation in the East Bay. Some beds, she said, are never cold; people sleep in shifts as well as work in shifts. Such crowding tends to create unsanitary conditions. Insanitation is also increased by the quite alarming increase of rats. Rat control pamphlets are being issued to help in this situation. Mrs. Fisher spoke of the problem of the homes, when so many mothers are now working. She gave the amazing figure that 50 per cent of all the shipbuilding industries of the nation are in the Bay region, and not only so, the Government is asking to have the output doubled in 1943. More and more women are being drawn into this work, leaving children to care for themselves. Fourteen children's care centers in Oakland, and numbers of nursery schools, are trying to help here. There is going to be difficulty in obtaining space for such centers. The increase in juvenile delinquency has been brought to our attention before, but it never ceases to be terrifying. The increase latterly has been up to 28 per cent among boys and 77 per cent among girls! Also the age range is sometimes as low as 10 or 11 years. We may ponder on the fact that the number brought to the attention of the Probation Office is twice as great among Protestants as among Catholics, and that in the case of Jewish children it is practically negligible. Mrs. Fisher suggested ways in which we might help to better these conditions: (1) Get the different welfare agencies, one at a time, to present their needs before our groups; (2) Try to create the right kind of public opinion: (3) Volunteer our help in the manifold services of the various youth organizations or welfare agencies.

Spring Meeting

Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Program Chairman, reported on the Spring Meeting. It will be held Thursday, May 13 (second Thursday) at the First Church, Berkeley. Sessions begin at 10:30 and 1:30, with basket lunch at 12:30. The ladies of the church will serve tea and coffee at the usual cost of 10 cents. There will be special presentations of the Thank Offering and Young People's Work, and two speakers from New York: Mrs. Royal G. Whiting and Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher. To reach the church take car 5 or 6 and get off at Bancroft and Dana. Walk one block south. Or, if coming from San Francisco, take Key Route "F" train, transfer at Alcatraz to "K" car and go to end of line. Walk one block south and one block west. The church is at the corner of Dana and Durant.

Mrs. Chester Gossett, Social Welfare Secretary, reported that the long awaited Quota List had at last arrived and will be sent to the various societies at once. She said that the needs had increased and that she hoped the societies would accept such necessary increases. She spoke of the great help given her by Mrs. R. M. McClelland, former secretary.

In the absence of Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Prayer Guild Secretary, Mrs. James Hazlett gave a beautiful devotional based on "A Golden Chain of Thought."

We were glad to hear from Mrs. Verdette Walters, whose husband, now Chaplain Walters, is in the Coast Artillery Replacement Center at Camp McQuaide, 7 miles west of Watsonville.

Ozaki Extends Service

Rev. Norio Ozaki, pastor of the Oakland Japanese Church, who was unable to accompany his people to the Topaz Relocation Center due to the need for special hospitalization which is not available at the Center, nevertheless is carrying on his pastoral work. He recently mailed 100 Easter greetings and pastoral letters, and has organized religious activities in the hospital, including a young people's study group and regular worship services. The San Mateo Church, through their pastor, Rev. Sidney Buckham, has made a piano and hymnbooks available to Mr. Ozaki for his work.

SAN JOSE CAMPUS

A movement is on foot to set up an interdenominational Christian conference at the campus of the San Jose State College. Our own church in San Jose and its pastor, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, have been most active in bringing it about. Several denominations have already pledged support, among them our own, with an item in the budget of the Conference as adopted by the Board at the April meeting. It is hoped that at least one staff member will be able to begin work by August.

SAN JOSE. On one Sunday morning in April, the choir presented Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Elijah." At the Maundy Thursday candlelight communion, several new members were received, a number of them coming from the class conducted by the pastor, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. A "flash" received from this church indicates a record Easter, with total attendance of 450, and offering of $241. Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, dedicated 12 infants that day, and on the Sunday previous received seven members into the fellowship of the church.

SUISUN. During the absence of the acting pastor, Rev. Henry Stauffer, for Palm Sunday and Easter, Rev. N. F. Sanderson of Martinez occupied the pulpit.

SANTA CRUZ. Thirty-two members were received into the church on Holy Thursday at the candlelight communion service, in which 320 participated. For fifteen years this service has been held annually. On Easter Sunday morning the unusually large audience filled every available place in the auditorium, gallery and adjoining Sunday School rooms. Five babies were baptized. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

SOQUEL. Neighborhood groups are meeting and discussing Dr. Fosdick's book "Living Under Tension." For the first time a service was held on Good Friday for one hour, the stores of the community closed for that period. Rev. T. Davis Preston, the pastor, was speaker at the dinner celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of the Klamath Falls (Oregon) Community Congregational Church, of which he was formerly pastor.

PARLIER. Rev. N. K. Hachian was recently called to the pastorate of the Fowler church but through the great urgency of the Parlier people was prevailed upon to remain. The church is hoping to work out a plan whereby the church building and the social hall can be renovated.

ANTIOCH. Rev. Henry Stauffer, former pastor of this church, conducted services on Palm Sunday and Easter to large audiences.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. The average attendance on Sunday mornings has increased from 39 in January to 65 in April. Rev. V. B. Amirkhanian is pastor.

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At the Mills Institute there will be chapel services once or twice each day under the leadership of Dr. Robert French Leavens.

Also at Mills will be organized a special round-table, "The Church Plans for Peace," if there is sufficient advance interest; it will help ministers and laymen at two points: First, to think through what religion has to say about better international relations; and second, to present literature, study packets, and plans so that the round-table members can organize, and perhaps lead, study groups in their local churches.

Further information may be secured from Tom Hunt, Mills College, Oakland, California, or Dan Wilson, Whittier College, Whittier, California.

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